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SUBJECT: JACK JONES ADDRESSES ICTU RALLY

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1. ABOUT 1000 TRADE UNION DELEGATES FROM PROVINCE ATTENDED BELFAST RALLY FOR "BETTER LIFE FOR ALL" CAMPAIGN FEB. 21. MAIN SPEAKER, JACK JONES GENERAL SECRETARY TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS UNION SAID THAT UNEMPLOYMENT WAS NORTHERN IRELAND CURSE MUCH MORE THAN BOMBINGS OR SHOOTINGS. MESSAGE FROM BRITISH TRADE UNION CONGRESS WAS ONE OF TOLERANCE. "NOT TOLERATION OF POVERTY BUT TOLERATION OF ONE ANOTHER." MESSAGES OF SUPPORT FOR CAMPAIGN WERE RECEIVED FROM LEN MURRAY, SECGEN TUC, SCOTTISH AND WELSH TUC, CGT OF FRANCE, THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, FROM JEREMY THORPE AND STANLEY ORME FOR GOVERNMENT. PEACE PETITION HAS REPORTEDLY OBTAINED 90,000 SIGNATURES INCLUDING 171 COMMONS MPS.

2. CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR WILLIAM BLEASE TOLD REPORTING OFFICER HE HAD NOT ON THIS OCCASION ATTEMPTED ELICIT SUPPORT FROM AFL-CIO OR OTHER AMERICAN LABOR ORGANIZATIONS  
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BUT THAT HE WOULD ATTEMPT DO SO FOR NEXT RALLY TO

BE HELD IN APRIL. BLEASE ATTENDED ONE AFL/CIO  
CONVENTION AS FRATERNAL DELEGATE.

3. MEMBERS NORTHERN IRELAND LABOUR PARTY DEMONSTRATED  
OUTSIDE MEETING HALL IN PROTEST OF EXCLUSION OF POLITICIANS  
FROM PROCEEDINGS. THERE CONSIDERABLE ARGUMENT AMONG  
TRADE UNION OFFICIALS OF EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGN TACTICS.  
SO FAR VIEW PREVAILING IS THAT ANY POLITICAL ASSOCIATION  
WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL.

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